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This is a request for filing a [X] continuation [] divisional [] continuation-in-part under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/872,519 filed on June 11, 1997 of B. S. Beaman et al. for HIGH DENSITY INTEGRATED CIRCUIT APPARATUS, TEST PROBE AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF.

1. [] As last amended, the title has been changed to _____.
2. [] As last amended, the name of applicant has been changed to _____.
3. [X] Enclosed is [X] a copy of the oath or declaration as filed in the prior application or [] a new oath or declaration.
4. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

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6. [] Cancel in this application original Claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
7. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: - This is a [X] continuation [] division [] continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/872,519 filed on June 11, 1997
8. [] Priority of application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
9. [] The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in prior application Serial No. _____ filed _____.
10. [] An appointment of associates is enclosed.
11. [X] Address all future communications to Daniel P. Morris, IBM Corporation, Intellectual Property Law Dept., P.O. Box 218, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598.
12. [X] A preliminary amendment to this application is enclosed.
13. [] Enter in this application the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 which was unentered in the prior application.

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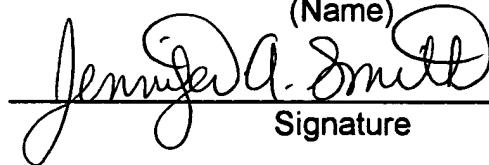
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